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They've Learned a Lot, Too

Experience Is Best Teacher for Parents At Langley School

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WHEN THE Langley family tends his research and construction. Starting as school rats boil merrily into alyst duties with the Gov- architects on their own then classrooms from car ernment, changed over to they drew floor plans and pools on Monday morning logistics for the moving ended up with blue prints. they should find plenty of chore. Said Katherine Preston, space for preschool shoving. The Kovachs have a 3- their teacher. We were not since the new \$35,000 wing year-old in the school and able to reach the actual will be awaiting their Kovach is head of building housebuilding stage, but shouts their finger paints and grounds committee—a our models for homes around the world made and their French lessons. group that is firm about the quite a hit." There also will be a group six hours of work the parent "owes" the school. "As for the foreign legion collective sigh of relief that THE STUDENTS, 179 in group," laughs parent presi- this co-operative venture is all and ranging in age from dent Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton, done but if they're smart 3 to 9 years of age, have "their move from the ad- they'll brace themselves for watched the building of the joining American Legion building should be just the next three new rooms with in- short of historic." The this new addition marks tense interest. One tot re- Legion hall, in the adjacent a giant stepping stone for a porting the progress to his McLean recreation center, uniquely successful venture mamma said "Our new was on loan to the second into cooperative education. Building is almost finished, grade and they were born in a Langley, Va. We watched them putting immediately dubbed the for- farmhouse back in 1944, the up the steel girdle today." eign legion, assuming esprit school now has a roster "The nine boys and four de corps to match. added with such new from- just-as-bouncy-girls in the BARBARA WATERMAN, ter names as Sorenson, third grade became so fasci- who has been with the macy and Fay. nated with the building that Langley School for 11 years Robert Kovach who nor- they undertook a study of as director, says: "The par- ents do all the dirty work they even used to do the clean up before we hired janitors but they leave the educational plan- ning up to me." This parent- non-profit Virginia cor- poration hires a profession- al teaching staff. Why of the fathers who with the Kennedy Ad- ministration during the week are eager to do their

parent stints. An active father over the years has been Ted Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President. The Sorensens' two boys, Stephen and Philip, attend the school.

The Chairman of the Civil Service Commission and Mrs. John W. Macy Jr., have a child in Langley as do the Under Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Paul B. Fay Jr. Five-year-old Sally Fay, in a smock of Kelly green, was making Thanks-giving Indian feathers last week and telling the other students of her holiday to be spent on Cape Cod with the President's family as a guest of the Robert Kennedys.

SCHOOLING at Langley might be called of the progressive sort, but they prefer the "doing by learning" tag.

However, no one goes out on a limb—least of all the educational director—for one type of educational theory versus another. Langley appears to follow a middle of the road course hoping to get the best of all educational worlds.

An open house tea—for the community and not limited to parents of students alone—will be held in the new quarters at Langley on December 10.